



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Josef Otto RETTENMAIER  
Title: ANCILLARY FILTERING AGENT  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this document.